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Gov. Perdue Signs Cherokee Economic Development Legislation
Law Paves the Way for 400 New Jobs

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue today signed into law legislation securing the agreement between the State of North Carolina and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee that is expected to create 400 new jobs in western North Carolina. The 30-year compact, which the Governor and Cherokee leaders signed last month, will allow the Cherokee to offer live table gaming.

The agreement will provide for the state to receive a share of revenue generated from these new games, and that money will be directed to classroom education.

“The Cherokee have been good stewards of the money from their gaming enterprises, investing it in the lives of their people and the people of western North Carolina. They will continue to help their tribe and their neighbors with this new revenue,” Gov. Perdue said during a signing ceremony in the old House chamber in the Capitol. “This was a bipartisan endeavor – Republicans and Democrats allied in an effort to create opportunity. This agreement is a terrific example of how we can still work together and defy the unfortunate expectations of a polarized and often contentious political environment.”

The agreement still must be approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior before taking effect.

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